

# PUBLIC NOTICE

US Army Corps of Engineers New York District Jacob K. Javits Federal Building New York, N.Y. 10278-0090 ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to: Public Notice Number: NAN-2006-3369-WCA

Issue Date: February 7, 2007 Expiration Date: March 8, 2007

### To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, Corps of Engineers has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

APPLICANT: City of Hoboken

City Hall, 94 Washington Avenue Hoboken, New Jersey 07073

ACTIVITY: Install a 2,123 square foot circular structure composed of a 52-foot diameter pile

supported platform with a 15-foot diameter tidal well cut in the center, and an

associated 70 foot long by 5 foot wide steel truss bridge.

WATERWAY: Hudson River

LOCATION: City of Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey.

A detailed description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

ALL COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERMIT APPLICATION MUST BE PREPARED IN WRITING AND MAILED TO REACH THIS OFFICE BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE, otherwise, it will be presumed that there are no objections to the activity.

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Any person may request, in writing, before this public notice expires, that a public hearing be held to collect information necessary to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons why a public hearing should be held. It should be noted that information submitted by mail is considered just as carefully in the permit decision process and bears the same weight as that furnished at a public hearing.

Our preliminary determination is that the activity for which authorization is sought herein is not likely to affect any Federally endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat. However, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531), the District Engineer is consulting with the appropriate Federal agency to determine the presence of and potential impacts to listed species in the project area or their critical habitat.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Information regarding the proposed work that would be undertaken is given in the attached Description of Proposed Work. Based on a preliminary review of the proposal and the "Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations in the Northeastern United States", issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service, the EFH for several aquatic species and their life stages in the proposed project area could potentially be impacted by the proposed work. Further consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service regarding EFH impacts and conservation recommendations is being conducted and will be concluded prior to a final decision on the application.

Based upon a review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, there are no known sites eligible for, or included in, the Register within the permit area. Presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical data may be lost by work accomplished under the required permit.

Pursuant to Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456 (c)], for activities under consideration that are located within the coastal zone of a state which has a federally approved coastal zone management program, the applicant has certified in the permit application that the activity complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with, the approved state coastal zone management program. By this public notice, we are requesting the state's concurrence with, objection to, or waiver of the applicant's certification. No permit decision will be made until one of these actions occur. For activities within the coastal zone of New Jersey the applicant's certification and accompanying information is available from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Coastal Regulation, CN 401, 501 East State Street, Second Floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0401, Telephone Number (609) 633-2289. Comments regarding the applicant's certification, and copies of any letters to this office commenting upon this proposal, should be so addressed.

In addition to any required water quality certificate and coastal zone management program concurrence, the applicant has obtained or requested the following governmental authorization for the activity under consideration: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development Permit

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice. If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office at (917) 790-8412 and ask for James H. Cannon.

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Richard L. Tonier Chief, Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

#### WORK DESCRIPTION

The applicant, the City of Hoboken, has requested Department of the Army authorization for the construction and installation of a circular structure, known as the "Hoboken Island Memorial Park" which would be situated within the Hudson River, in the City of Hoboken, Hudson County, New Jersey.

The proposed Hoboken Island Memorial Park would include a 2,123 square foot circular structure composed of a 52-foot diameter platform supported by fifty-eight (58) 12-inch diameter battered Greenheart marine timber piles. A 15-foot diameter tidal well would be cut in the center of the circular structure, and approximately 57 sloping glass panels would be situated around wells edge. Underwater lights would be used to illuminate the tidal well. The memorial park structure would be connected to the existing northeast corner of "Pier A" by a 70 foot long by 5 foot wide steel truss pedestrian bridge.

The stated purpose of this project is to construct a memorial to the fifty-seven (57) citizens of the City of Hoboken that lost their lives in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

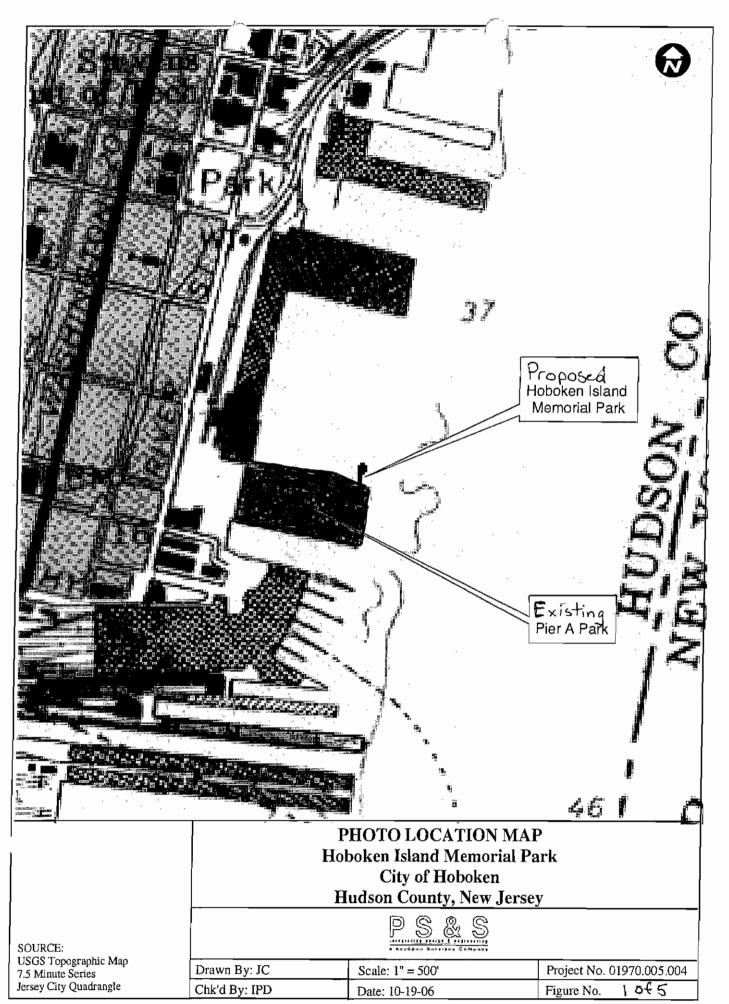
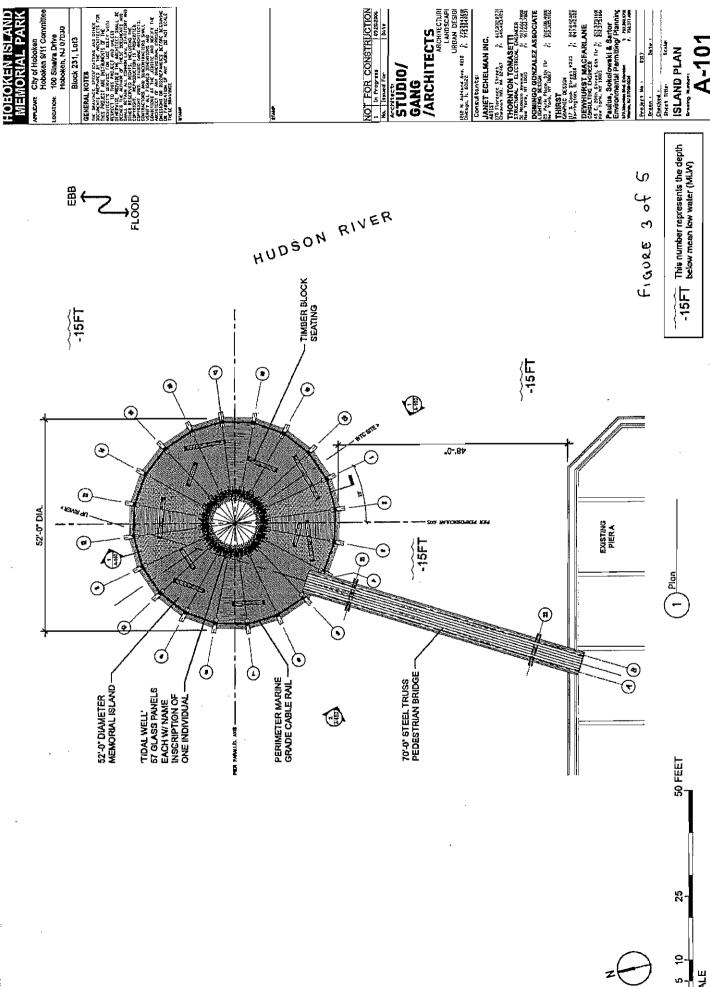


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